

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 38, lines 4-10 with the following amended paragraph:

In the present invention, the fusion coating of the core particles with fine powder may be performed by taking advantage of either agitating (agitation method) or a fluid bed (fluid-bed method). When coating is performed while agitating, conventional mixer/granulators may be used. When coating is performed in a fluid bed, conventional fluid-bed granulators may be used.

The fusion coating is particularly preferably performed with agitation.